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they cannot as bound by this act appear at Mustard and  
braynings without danger of being fined nor be able to  
defend themselves in their own houses from the sudden  
surprisall of their enemies

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And Be it further enacted and ordained by and with  
the advice and consent aforesaid that if upon any foreign  
invasion done stuck Insurrection or Indian incursion  
whatsoever any person or persons whatsoever (except before  
excepted) that shall be a priest or be an infected Soldier with  
in this province shall upon Command of his officer being  
a Captain at the least obstinately refuse to appear and  
serve in armes for the necessary defence of this Province  
such person or persons soe obstinately refusing to appear  
and serve in armes as aforesaid or that upon such command  
shall not appear and serve in armes as aforesaid shall  
upon certificate thereof under such officers hands as afore  
said to the next Justice of the Peace of the County where  
such party liveth be proceeded against in manner fol  
lowing That is to say the same Justice of the peace to  
whom such certificate as aforesaid shall be made shall  
immediately issue forth a warrant to the constable of the  
hundred where such party liveth to apprehend him &  
bring him before himself or some other of his Lordship,  
Justice of the Peace of the same County there to render  
a sufficient excuse if any he have for such his Refuse  
all or non appearance as aforesaid and if such Justice of  
the peace shall not find the excuse of such party in  
such case to be reasonable and sufficient then he shall  
immediately committ such party to the custody of  
the Sheriff of such County there to remain untill he  
shall find Surety to appear at the next Provinciall  
Court to be held for this province there to be proceeded  
against according to due course of Law and if there  
upon he shall be legally convicted by a Jury of such his  
obstinate refusal or disobedience as aforesaid he  
shall be fined and imprisoned according to the defi  
nition of the Justices of the Provinciall Court

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And for the prevention of the great charge of Annually  
Assemblies who may meet for no other occasion but  
only to tax the Publick Decay in time of peace Be it  
enacted by the authority aforesaid that the Lieutenant  
Generall and Council from time to time during the  
forty odd